

## SUBCOMMITTEE: GENERAL GOVERNMENT &amp; CAPITAL OUTLAY

HOUSE BILL NO. 345

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Stolle)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 4.2:1, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-435.11, relating to the creation of the Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 2.2 a chapter numbered 4.2:1, consisting of a section numbered 2.2-435.11, as follows:**

CHAPTER 4.2:1.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR FOR COASTAL ADAPTATION AND PROTECTION.

**§ 2.2-435.11. Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection; duties.**

The position of Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection (the Special Assistant) is created. The Special Assistant shall be the primary point of contact for the resources to address coastal adaptation and flooding mitigation. The Special Assistant shall be the lead in developing and in providing direction and ensuring accountability for a statewide coastal flooding adaptation strategy. He shall initiate and assist with economic development opportunities associated with adaptation, development opportunities for the creation of business incubators, the advancement of the academic expertise at the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding and Resiliency, coordination with the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Board, safeguarding strategic national assets threatened by coastal flooding, and pursuing federal, state, and local funding opportunities for adaptation initiatives.